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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No.: 09/618,361  
Filing Date: July 18, 2000  
Applicant(s): Balasubramaniam et al.  
Title: **Compounds for Control of Appetite, Blood Pressure,  
Cardiovascular Response, Libido, and Circadian Rhythm**  
Group Art Unit: 1653  
Examiner: Kam, C  
Atty Docket No.: UOC-136R

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

The present response is responsive to the Office Action dated July 16,  
2002.

**Amendments**

Please make the following amendments to the application.

**In the claims:**

Please amend claim 40 as follows.